Water District No. 02 Annual Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021

Due to COVID-19 and related restrictions, the regular annual meeting of the water users of Water District No. 2 was held remotely. Water users participated online via zoom or by telephone. Information on how to participate remotely was provided on the annual meeting notice and on the posted meeting agenda. The designated meeting location was at the 110 E 2nd Ave, Glenns Ferry City Hall on Tuesday January 12, 2021, and was held at 1:00 p.m. John Hafen, Lynn "Rusty" Johnson, and Nate Jones participated from Glenns Ferry City Hall. Additional remote attendees were Mark Frost, Billy Wolfe, Jeff Harper, Teresa McCallum, Kresta Davis, Corbin Knowles, Jeff Blanksma, Bethany Gotts, and Chris Alzola. Rob Whitney, Kellie Smith, and Steve Visosky from Idaho Department of Water Resources also attended remotely.

Chairman Mark Frost called annual meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Billy Wolfe, seconded by Kresta Davis to appoint Mark Frost meeting chairman for 2021 meeting. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion by Billy Wolfe, seconded by Kresta Davis to appoint Chris Alzola secretary for 2021 meeting. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion by Jeff Blanksma, seconded by Billy Wolfe to approve January 14, 2020 annual meeting minutes as written. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Kellie Smith from IDWR provided information for 2020 Distribution of Assessments. Kellie said the proposed budget to collect is \$94,600 which would equate to around 13 cents per acre foot. Total diversion for 2020 was 519,564 acre feet, an increase of about 21,394 acre feet or about 4% more than the previous year. Total acres authorized for irrigation in the district is around 135,000. Last year around 131,313 acres were irrigated.

Bethany Gotts asked if IDWR watermaster rate would ever be going down? Rob Whitney said that question will be answered when we discuss the Resolutions in just a few minutes.

Treasurer Chris Alzola provided financial information. Motion by Billy Wolfe, seconded by Bethany Gotts to approve financial reports. Vote taken all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Watermaster Rob Whitney provided proposed Resolutions. Changes to existing Resolutions would be to #4 to change amount of budget, changes to #6 is to remove domestic users with less than or equal to .06 cfs diversion from being assessed. Motion by Bethany Gotts, seconded by Billy Wolfe to accept changes to #4 and #6. Rob discussed the budget is \$7,500 less due to eliminating Syringa and using Verizon for data plan to support cell modems. Rob said he also reduced telemetry O&M because he thinks things are working and there is cash carryover to use if necessary. Bethany asked if IDWR charge for watermaster services will go down from the \$87,000 and is there a possibility of Water District 02 hiring their own watermaster? Rob Whitney said there is nothing in law that wouldn't allow Water District 02 to hire their own watermaster. Rob said that if they decided to do that they need to know what is involved. Going to take some planning to get that done.

Mark Frost asked if the consolidation of the IT department has gotten better than a year ago. Rob said they are getting by.

Mark Frost said that the date is wrong on #17, needs to be January 11, 2022.

Discussion regarding #11 and #12. Everyone was in favor of leaving it the same. Motion by Billy Wolfe, seconded by Bethany Gotts to approve #11 and #12 as written. Vote taken all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Billy Wolfe made motion to accept Resolution as proposed, seconded by Bethany Gotts. Vote taken all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Discussion regarding election of Watermaster and Treasurer. Bethany Gotts said by approving or adopting related resolutions (no. 2 for Watermaster and no. 3 for Treasurer) the users are electing those named in the resolutions to the respective positions. Rob Whitney/IDWR, elected to provide watermaster services and Chris Alzola, elected as treasurer. Everyone agreed.

Bethany Gotts asked if there is anything the users can do to make the watermaster's job easier or better? Rob said if users will pay attention to their flow meters to see if they are working and accurately. There have been some meters that have been ghost reading. Corbin Knowles said updating and maintaining flow meters will always need to be done. He does have experience in ultrasonic and they need maintenance.

Billy Wolfe made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jon Hafen. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Chris Alzola, Secretary/Treasurer